

Applicants submit that their obligation under rule 1.78(c) related to common ownership has been met.

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-29 and 31-32 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of US 7,100,402. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, in an effort to expedite allowance of the present application, applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer directed to US 7,100,402. Withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-29 and 31-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US 7,100,402. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. As noted above, Applicants have submitted a statement concerning common ownership of the present application and US 7,100,402. Therefore, the '402 is not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103(c). Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in the form of a Notice of Allowance. If a phone conference would be helpful in resolving any further issues related to this matter, please contact Applicants' attorney listed below at 612-371-5387.

Respectfully submitted,

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